



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2024 to 12/31/2024

National Forests In North Carolina

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System EIS	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2024 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Jennifer McRae 202-791-8488 SM.FS.NFSWONGA@usda.gov
	Description: Amend all land management plans for units of the National Forest System to include consistent direction to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of NFS.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests and Grasslands (128 units).				
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands.A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				

National Forests In North Carolina, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R8 - Southern Region

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
National Forests In North Carolina, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)					R8 - Southern Region
Southern Appalachian Watershed Resiliency Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management - Projects that may affect Wilderness (for mailing list contacts)	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/01/2024 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2024	Expected:05/2025	06/2025	Jessie Howard 540-492-1728 jessie.howard@usda.gov
	Description: The Southern Appalachian Forests(Cherokee National Forest, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, National Forests in North Carolina and Chattahoochee - Oconee National Forest seek to implement large landscape watershed resiliency efforts.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66471				
	Location: UNIT - National Forests In North Carolina All Units. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain, Transylvania, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The entirety of National Forests Systems lands in North Carolina including the Nantahala, Pisgah, Uwharrie and Croatan National Forests.				

National Forests In North Carolina, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Grandfather, Appalachian, & Pisgah (GAP) Restoration project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 07/12/2024	Expected:02/2025	03/2025	Nicholas Larson 928-635-8230 nicholas.larson2@usda.gov
	Description: The Grandfather, Appalachian, and Pisgah (GAP) Restoration Project proposes actions to restore fire-adapted sections of Pisgah National Forest and reduce wildfire risk to resources and nearby communities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62992				
	Location: UNIT - Grandfather Ranger District, Pisgah Ranger District, Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell, Transylvania, Yancey, Avery, Buncombe, Haywood, McDowell, Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Grandfather, Appalachian, and Pisgah Ranger Districts.				

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National Forests In North Carolina, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R8 - Southern Region
Nantahala National Forest Programmatic EA for Stand Improvement Treatments EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/25/2021 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2024	Expected:06/2024	08/2024	Sarah Bridges 828-837-5152 sarah.bridges@usda.gov
	Description: Provide programmatic direction for a standard set of treatments that promote the regeneration and survival of woody forest vegetation within the natural range of historic variation for a variety of ecosystem benefits.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58407				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District, Nantahala Ranger District, Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Areas on the Nantahala National Forest that meet programmatic direction and which are consistent with the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to environmental and heritage resources per the EA.				
Nantahala National Forest Wildlife Openings Rehabilitation Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jason Farmer 828-479-6431 jfarmer@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to conduct rehabilitate select existing wildlife openings on the Nantahala and Tusquittee Ranger Districts in Macon and Cherokee Counties, NC.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58851				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District, Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee, Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Select WL openings on the Nantahala and Tusquittee Ranger Districts.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Appalachian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Big Ivy Road Repairs CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/27/2024	Expected:10/2024	05/2025	James Jones 828-257-4835 james.b.jones@usda.gov
	Description: Repair of road damage that occurred during Tropical Storm Fred including replacing several culverts with structures that improve Aquatic Organism Passage				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65878				
	Location: UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Buncombe. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Big Ivy Road - FSR 74.				
Groundhog Creek Trail and Rube Rock Trail Decommission CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2025	Expected:09/2025	10/2025	Natalia Muglia 828-689-9694 x 132 Natalia.Muglia@usda.gov
	Description: Remove these trails from system as they are unmaintained, are not utilized, in disrepair, and are on unsustainable layout.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65067				
	Location: UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Haywood. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rube Rock Tr 314 and Groundhog Creek Tr 315 between Interstate 40 and Skiffley Creek Rd FS 357. Retain trail portions between Skiffley Creek Rd and Appalachian Trail for road access.				
Marty Huie Private Rd Construction CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2022	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	James Owen 8288773265 ext. 233 james.owen@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action includes construction/reconstruction of a driveway to provide access to a private inholding that is completely surrounded by NFS lands.				
	Location: UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Mitchell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Off of NFSR 5582.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Appalachian Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Mill Ridge AT Reroute CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2025	Expected:08/2025	09/2025	Natalia Muglia 828-689-9694 x 132 Natalia.Muglia@usda.gov
	Description: Relocation of Appalachian Trail from road into treeline.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65066				
	Location: UNIT - Appalachian Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Madison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Beginning at the current intersection of the AT near the far end of Mill Ridge Rd (113), crossing through parking area with small split rail fence, eventually meeting back up with current AT.				

National Forests In North Carolina Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Crossover Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/12/2022	Expected:09/2024	01/2025	Jason Farmer 828-479-6431 jason.farmer@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action includes timber harvest, prescribed burning, and improvement of wildlife, fisheries, and botanical habitat to reestablish age class and structural diversity in NE Cherokee and southern Graham Counties, NC.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56347				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee, Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southern and northern slopes of the Snowbird Mountains west of Topton, North Carolina.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Jackrabbit Bike Trail Reroute and Culvert Removal Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2024	Expected:05/2025	10/2025	Taylor Britt 435-231-3462 Taylor.Britt@usda.gov
	Description: This project will construct an approximately 550 foot reroute of the Central Loop Trail (TR750) connecting the bicycle trailhead to the main trail system. Culvert removal will occur where existing trail lies and site will be recontoured.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66712				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Jackrabbit Mountain Recreation Area is on a peninsula of Lake Chatuge on its eastern shoreline. Approx. 550 foot reroute of the Central Loop Trail TR750 connecting the bike trailhead to main system.				
Meetinghouse Mountain Road Access Project CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robert Vance 828-837-5152 x117 robert.e.vance@usda.gov
	Description: Grant access across National Forest System lands on the Cheoah Ranger District in Graham County, North Carolina for vehicular access to private lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58850				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Off Meetinghouse Mountain Road near Lake Santeetlah in Graham County, North Carolina.				
NCDOT Project - NC 143 Cherohala Skyway to Robbinsville EA	- Special use management	In Progress: 215 Comment Period Legal Notice 09/06/2020	Expected:09/2024	12/2024	Allyson Conner 828-545-5941 Allyson.Conner@usda.gov
	Description: NCDOT has proposed making improvements to NC 143 from the Cherohala Skyway to SR1127 at Robbinsville in Graham County. Portions of this project are located on National Forest System lands. Project currently on hold pending additional DOT funding.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=20272				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NC 143 from the Cherohala Skyway to SR1127 at Robbinsville.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
NCDOT Project - US Highway 74 (A-9) Robbinsville to Almond EIS	- Special use management	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/29/2008 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2022	Expected:12/2022 Actual: 03/19/2021	01/2023	Allyson Conner 828-545-5941 Allyson.Conner@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to improve transportation options from Robbinsville to Almond in Graham County to provide the transportation infrastructure necessary for the well-being of local and regional traffic.				
	Web Link: https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/corridor-k/Pages/default.aspx				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. US Highway 74 from Stecoah to Robbinsville.				
Rattler Ford Campground Shed Removal CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/04/2024	Expected:08/2024	09/2024	Taylor Britt 435-231-3462 Taylor.Britt@usda.gov
	Description: Removal of dilapidated shed from Rattler Ford Campground.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65744				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rattler Ford Campground, which can be accessed from Santeelah Road.				
Water Tank Repair at Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Heath Emmons 828-479-6431 heath.e.emmons@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to repair the concrete reservoir that supplies water to the flush restrooms at Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest on the Cheoah Ranger District in Graham County, NC. Restrooms are currently closed to public use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60402				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within the Joyce Kilmer Slickrock Wilderness, but confined to the interior of an existing structure that predates wilderness designation. There would be no change to wilderness characteristics.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Cheoah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Whigg Branch/Upper Santeelah ERFO Project CE	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/30/2023	Expected:09/2024	09/2025	Taylor Britt 435-231-3462 Taylor.Britt@usda.gov
	Description: Several repairs needed on FSR-81 & FSR-81C, including: culvert replacements, fill slope repairs, and bridge replacement on 81C.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66342				
	Location: UNIT - Cheoah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Clay, Graham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located on several portions of FSR-81 & FSR-81C, also referred to as Whigg Branch/Upper Santeelah roads.				

National Forests In North Carolina Croatan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Camp Patterson CCC Interpretative Trail EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2025	Expected:07/2025	11/2025	Victoria Payne 2526390304 Victoria.Payne@usda.gov
	Description: The Croatan NF proposes the Camp Patterson CCC Interpretive Trail project which aims to preserve and showcase the rich history of the CCC camp while providing an educational and immersive experience for visitors.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66957				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Craven. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Craven County, NC.				
City of Havelock McCotter Canal SUP CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2024	Expected:10/2024	11/2024	Spencer Haley 828-257-4859 x 1055 spencer.haley@usda.gov
	Description: The Croatan Ranger District proposes to permit the City of Havelock to perform bank stabilization and road maintenance work on McCotter Canal and the adjacent access road on National Forest System lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66826				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Craven. LEGAL - Not Applicable. City of Havelock, Craven County, NC.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Croatan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Duke Energy Distribution Powerline Relocation and Decommissioning Project EA	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2024	Expected:12/2024	03/2025	Victoria Payne 2526390304 Victoria.Payne@usda.gov
	Description: The proposal requests to relocate approximately 10,990 feet of the Havelock 23kV Feeder (along existing maintained roads) and decommission approximately 8,200 feet of existing inaccessible overhead distribution line within Croatan National Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65420				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Craven. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Croatan Ranger District.				
Island Creek Trail CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jason Osborne 252-638-5628 jason.osborne@usda.gov
	Description: Trail management within the Island Creek area. In addition, the trailhead parking lot would be reconstructed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62894				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Craven. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Croatan Ranger District.				
North Little Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2024	Expected:09/2025	11/2025	Cole Schumann 252-665-2662 Cole.Schumann@usda.gov
	Description: The Croatan NF is proposing to improve forest health and maintain wildlife habitat through timber management activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=67009				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Carteret, Craven. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project location is across the Croatan National Forest.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Croatan Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Radio Site Building Decommissioning CE	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/22/2024	Expected:05/2024	06/2024	Victoria Payne 2526390304 Victoria.Payne@usda.gov
	Description: Demolition of buildings at this site due to safety. Buildings are not being used.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65360				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Craven. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Croatan Ranger District. Latitude/Longitude: 34.759647 -76.855825.				
Timber 101 CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/08/2024	Expected:12/2024	11/2025	Rondall Hudson 775-778-6122 rondall.hudson@usda.gov
	Description: The project area proposed for treatment contains approximately 3,000 acres of the Croatan RD. Proposed vegetation management activities would improve forest health, wildlife habitat, and restore natural forest desired conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65879				
	Location: UNIT - Croatan Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Craven. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Craven County near Pinecliff and Siddie Fields.				

National Forests In North Carolina		Grandfather Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region
Sandy Flat and Boone Fork Watershed Improvement CE	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/15/2024	Expected:08/2024	09/2024	Nicholas Larson 828-652-2144 nicholas.larson2@usda.gov
	Description: Removing culverts, replacing with low water crossings, and stabilizing stream bank.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65658				
	Location: UNIT - Grandfather Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - McDowell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Curtis Creek and Mulberry Creek Watersheds.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Grandfather Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Wilson Ridge Prescribed Burn CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Greg Philipp 828-652-2144 gregory.philipp@usda.gov
	Description: Project proposes an addition to a previously analyzed prescribed burn unit named Wilson Ridge. The addition is proposed to utilize system roads for control lines and create a better burn unit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51261				
	Location: UNIT - Grandfather Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Caldwell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North and east of intersection of NFSR 45 and 4068, Wilson Ridge.				

National Forests In North Carolina Nantahala Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Alarka WRAP Watershed Improvement Project CE	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/15/2023	Expected:09/2024	09/2025	Jason Farmer 828-479-6431 jason.farmer@usda.gov
	Description: Decommission approximately 0.5 miles of western portion of FSR 86E and non-system road. Place approximately 0.9 miles of FSR 86E into storage. Install features around perimeter (approximately 0.25 miles) of wildlife opening. Culvert replacements.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65363				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain. LEGAL - Not Applicable. From Whittier-Connelly Creek Road (SR1177) to FSR 86. Follow into Alarka Creek Area. FSR-86E, FSR-86F, FSR-86G, Cold Springs Branch vicinity.				
Dick's Creek White Oak Regeneration Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2024	Expected:08/2024	09/2024	Brandon Stephens 805-961-5716 brandon.l.stephens@usda.gov
	Description: Timber stand improvements (thinning) and underplanting of white oak across approx. 5 acres and prescribed burn of approximately 70 acres in Dick's Creek watershed and vicinity.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65907				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Jackson. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dick's Creek Watershed and vicinity north of Dillsboro, NC. Stand improvement activities will occur in Stand 94/1, accessed from SR-1388 and FSR-7019. Prescribed burns to occur Stands 95/7 and 95/9.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Nantahala Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Duke Energy Fontana Lake Power Line Relocation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/11/2024	08/2024	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to move a 4,900 foot segment of the existing overhead power line that crosses USFS and reinstall it on a series of new power poles within the NCDOT ROW along NC Hwy 28 near the Almond Community in Swain County, NC. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58406				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain. LEGAL - Not Applicable. On National Forest System lands in Swain County, NC, east of the Almond Community.				
Duke Energy Wesser - Silver Mine Power Line Project CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/19/2020	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 josephbwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action is to replace power lines along U.S. Hwy 19 between Wesser Road and Silver Mine Road. Most of the work will occur within the existing NCDOT right-of-way. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58849				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North of Franklin, NC, one mile above the Nantahala Outdoor Center along U.S. Highway 19.				
Haywood Electric McCall Road Powerline Project CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 joseph.wood@usda.gov
	Description: Grant a special use authorization to Haywood Electric Company to install one wooden utility pole within the NCDOT ROW on McCall Road and install approximately 200 feet of powerline across NFS lands to an adjacent tract of private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. McCall Road area of Macon County, NC.				

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National Forests In North Carolina Nantahala Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R8 - Southern Region
Nantahala Fire and Rescue Boat Dock - Nantahala Lake CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2021	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Joseph Wood 828-524-6441 josephbwood@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a special use authorization to the Nantahala Fire and Rescue Squad to construct a 20' x 6' boardwalk and steps on NFS lands at the shore of Nantahala Lake, Nantahala Ranger District, Macon County, NC, and connect to a slip for a S&R boat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60399				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Eastern shoreline of Nantahala Lake, Macon County, NC.				
Nantahala Mountains Project EA	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 01/03/2024	Expected:06/2024	07/2024	Jason Farmer 828-479-6431 jason.farmer@usda.gov
	Description: Multiple resource management treatments for the Nantahala Mountains area of western Macon County, NC. Formerly Turkey Pen and Redbird Projects.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61088				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nantahala Mountains area of Macon County, NC, west and southwest of Franklin, NC.				
Nantahala Ranger District 2021 Rx Burn Program Additions CE	- Land management planning - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/18/2021	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	James Browning 828-524-6441, Ext 429 james.browning@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to use prescribed burning on six areas, totaling approximately 10,024 acres in Macon County, North Carolina.				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Six areas in Macon County, NC.				

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Northside Restoration Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/08/2024	Expected:09/2025	12/2025	Taylor Britt 435-231-3462 Taylor.Britt@usda.gov
	Description: Approximately 2,211 acres of vegetation management including silvicultural treatments, prescribed burning, and wildlife opening management in the Alarka and Plott Balsam Mountain Ranges. The project is a part of a costewardship initiative with EBCI.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66688				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Swain, Jackson, Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In the vicinity of the Alarka and Plott Balsam Mountain Ranges.				
Wilson Lake Dam Decommission and Restoration CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2024	Expected:10/2024	10/2025	Taylor Britt 435-231-3462 Taylor.Britt@usda.gov
	Description: Remove upper and lower dams of Wilson Lake. Stream channels and adjacent land to be rehabilitated. Stream channel structures proposed to prevent erosion/stabilize affected areas. Unclassified road prism decommission and white pine to be removed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66345				
	Location: UNIT - Nantahala Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Macon. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Wilson Lake vicinity in Macon County, NC.				

National Forests In North Carolina		Pisgah Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R8 - Southern Region
Bobby Setzer Fish Hatchery Redesign EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/05/2024	Expected:09/2024	10/2024	Allyson Conner 828.545.5941 allyson.conner@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action includes replacing the dated and failing infrastructure of the existing fish hatchery and improving operational efficiency and healthy yield of fish.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59657				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Bobby N. Setzer State Fish Hatchery is located in Pisgah National Forest on National Forest land and is leased and operated by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC).				

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Cat Gap Loop Trail Temporary Access CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/04/2024	Expected:06/2024	07/2024	David Casey 828-652-2144 david.casey@usda.gov
	Description: Create a half-acre temporary gravel parking lot for accessing John Rock area trails near the parking area for the Cat Gap Trailhead which is temporarily closed for construction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66347				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Temporary parking area would be accessed from Horse Cove road, Forest Road 475C, off SR 1408. Project is in the Interface MA near the Setzer Fish Hatchery.				
Catheys Creek Watershed Restoration Project Part Two CE	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/05/2023	Expected:10/2024	06/2025	Brady Dodd 828-257-4214 brady.dodd@usda.gov
	Description: A Watershed Restoration Action Plan was created for Catheys Creek Watershed, this project is proposing to implement the actions proposed in this WRAP.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65876				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Catheys Creek Watershed.				
Davidson River Campground Bath House and Utility Renovation CE	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/06/2024	Expected:06/2024	06/2025	David Casey 828-652-2144 david.casey@usda.gov
	Description: Disposal of twelve bath houses at Davidson River Campground to be replaced by eleven newly constructed accessible bath houses. Work to include associated water and sewer line replacement.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66182				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The campground entrance is one mile north on highway 276 from the intersection with highway 280 and 64, three air miles north-northeast of Brevard, NC.				

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English Chapel Bridge Project CE	- Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/25/2024	Expected:09/2024	06/2025	McKinley Owen 828-845-0883 Layne.Owen@usda.gov
	Description: Replacement of English Chapel Bridge due to damage from Tropical Storm Fred				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66078				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Davidson River upstream from Pisgah Ranger Station, TR344 from hwy276.				
Graveyard Fields Project 2019 CE	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/20/2020	Expected:09/2024	06/2025	Patrick Scott 828-877-3350 patrick.scott2@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action includes trail maintenance in Graveyard Fields and Graveyard Ridge area; regeneration of red spruce; stand improvement treatments in recently planted red spruce in Flat Laurel; and stream restoration along Yellowstone Prong.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55665				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Haywood. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The general area of Graveyard Fields, north of the Blue Ridge Parkway and south of Shining Rock Wilderness area.				
Lickstone Project EA	- Land management planning - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/17/2024	Expected:12/2024	01/2025	Jason Herron 828-689-9694 jason.herron@usda.gov
	Description: The Lickstone Project is a forest vegetation, wildlife habitat, and watershed management project.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57553				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Haywood. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Lickstone Project Area is comprised of all FS lands of the Pisgah Ranger District East of Lickstone Ridge which is approximately 25 miles southwest of Canton, NC.				

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Pisgah-Canton Duke Transmission Line ROW Widening EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/30/2024	Expected:09/2024	10/2024	James Owen 8288773265 ext. 233 james.owen@usda.gov
	Description: Expansion of existing transmission line ROW and Hazard Tree Zones to 75 feet on both sides of the line for a total of up to 150 feet of combined ROW and Hazard Tree Zones (varies by Management Area).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65091				
	Location: UNIT - Pisgah Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Transylvania, Haywood. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is the existing approximately 8-mile powerline corridor from the southeast entrance to the Pisgah National Forest near the Sycamore Flats Recreation Area extending northwest to the Blue Ridge Parkway.				

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Beech Creek Seed Orchard Fiber Line Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Facility management	Completed	Actual: 07/31/2024	12/2024	Robert Vance 928-527-8287 robert.e.vance@usda.gov
	Description: Installation of buried fiber optic line to Beech Creek Orchard Admin Site, following roads and ROW. Fiber optic will allow for much-needed improvements for communication systems at the site, which will enhance operational efficiency and site safety.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65905				
	Location: UNIT - Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. From junction of Panther Top Road (Route 85) and FSR-307, the buried line will follow FSR-307 and FSR-307A to Beech Creek Orchard.				
NCDOT Project - Replace Bridge 159 on SR 1326, Joe Brown Highway, over Hanging Dog Creek CE	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2024	Expected:08/2024	10/2024	Allyson Conner 828-545-5941 Allyson.Conner@usda.gov
	Description: The proposed action is to replace the one-lane bridge on SR 1326, Joe Brown Hwy, over Hanging Dog Creek, with a 2-lane bridge. This would also straighten the curve on the western bridge approach.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56860				
	Location: UNIT - Tusquittee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The bridge over Hanging Dog Creek on Joe Brown Highway (SR 1326) in Cherokee County, North Carolina, northwest of Murphy.				

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Shortoff Knob Backcountry Rx Burn Addition CE	- Land management planning - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:02/2023	02/2023	Chad Cook 828-837-5152 chadcook@fs.fed.us
	Description: Add additional acres to the existing Shortoff Knob backcountry Rx burn unit.				
	Location: UNIT - Tusquitee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Clay. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hickory Cove Creek headwaters, Fires Creek watershed, south side of the Valley River Mountains.				
Tusquitee Ranger District Insect Infestation Treatment Project - Phase 1 CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 smoffat@fs.fed.us
	Description: The proposed action includes planting and regeneration treatments in stands that are dominated by off-site white pine and which are at risk of insect infestation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54823				
White Grape Bend Project EA	Location: UNIT - Tusquitee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Selected stands that meet criteria as supporting a majority of off-site white pine on National Forest System lands in Cherokee County, NC.				
	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/25/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2024	Expected:09/2024	12/2024	Steverson Moffat 828-837-5152 steverson.moffat@usda.gov
	Description: The proposal is to conduct shortleaf pine ecosystem restoration, including timber harvest, prescribed burning, wildlife habitat, fisheries habitat, and botanical habitat improvement projects in Cherokee Co, NC near White Grape Bend on Hiwassee Lake.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56346				
	Location: UNIT - Tusquitee Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Cherokee. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Central Cherokee County, North Carolina, near the White Grape Bend area of Hiwassee Lake.				

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Hwy 24/27 Trailhead Realignment CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/17/2022	Expected:05/2023	09/2023	Allyson Conner 8285455941 Allyson.Conner@usda.gov
	Description: The redesign and realignment for the Hwy 24/27 trailhead is necessary due to the widening of Hwy 24/27 by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) which will result in impacts to the Hwy 24/27 trailhead and loss of the overflow parking.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64146				
	Location: UNIT - Uwharrie Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hwy 24/27 Trailhead in Montgomery County, NC.				
Kings Mountain Point and Walkers Creek Prescribed Burns CE	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/24/2024	Expected:01/2025	02/2025	Chase Perren 919-691-4571 Chase.Perren@usda.gov
	Description: Proposed broadcast prescribed fire within the identified unit boundaries during the dormant season initially and returning every third year. The only ground disturbance necessary will be blading of FSR 6521 and 6522 off of Lassiter Mill Rd.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66395				
	Location: UNIT - Uwharrie Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Montgomery, Randolph. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Kings Mtn. Point unit bordered by FSR 597B and FSR597. Walkers Creek unit is off of Lassiter Mill Rd. and FSR 6521.				
Lomax Resource Management Project EA	- Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/07/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2024	Expected:08/2024	11/2024	Theresa Savery 910-576-6391 x 102 theresa.savery@usda.gov
	Description: The Uwharrie Ranger District is proposing to make recreation facility and trail improvements in the Wood Run Area and to implement vegetation management in the Wood Run and Morris Mountain Area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58245				
	Location: UNIT - Uwharrie Ranger District. STATE - North Carolina. COUNTY - Montgomery. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Uwharrie Ranger District.				

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